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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ZAIRE/ANGOLA: POSSIBLE RWANDAN ROLE IN MEDIATION
AND VERIFICATION

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1. ONE CAN NEVER BE SURE ABOUT THESE PEOPLE, BUT OUR
BETTING IS THAT GOR WILL BE FLATTERED AT BEING CHOSEN
BY ZAIRE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VERIFICATION TEAM (REFTEL).

2. RWANDANS HAD THEIR NOSES OUT OF JOINT AT NOT BEING
INVITED, AT LEAST, TO TAKE PART IN MILITARY PACIFICATION
MISSION TO SHABA (WE HAVE CHIDED THEM FOR NOT TAKING
THE INITIATIVE AND OFFERING SERVICES); PERHAPS THIS
INVITATION WILL REPAIR THEIR BRUISED FEELINGS.

3. WE DOUBT THAT RWANDANS WILL MAKE A BIG ISSUE OF
NON-AFRICAN LOGISTICAL SUPPORT FOR VERIFICATION TEAM,
AS LONG AS BOTH ZAIRE AND ANGOLA CLEARLY AND PUBLICLY
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FAVOR SUCH SUPPORT. WHAT WE DON'T KNOW AT THIS POINT
HOWEVER, IS WHAT EFFECT KHARTOUM SUMMIT MAY HAVE HAD ON
RWANDAN THINKING IN THIS REGARD.

4. COMMENT: IF WE MAY OFFER OUR OWN VIEWS IN LATTER
CONNECTION, IT WOULD CERTAINLY SEEM MORE CONSONANT WITH
OUR DESIRE TO ENCOURAGE AFRICANS' OWN PROBLEM-SOLVING

CAPABILITIES IF WE WERE TO ENCOURAGE BOTH PARTIES TO
SEEK LOGISTICAL SUPPORT THROUGH OAU--AND THEN TO
OFFER A SPECIFIC MATERIAL CONTRIBUTION OF OUR OWN TO
OAU AND INVITE OTHERS (E.E., SOVIETS) TO MATCH IT.
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